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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: PFOR, PINS, PINT, SP  
SUBJECT: ORIOL KIDNAPPING

REF: MADRID 0105

1. ENRIQUE MUGICA, THE SOCIALIST (PSOE) LEADER RELATED TO  
EMBOFFS THE ABORTIVE INVOLVEMENT OF FELIPE GONZALEZ IN AN  
EFFORT TO GET COUNCIL OF STATE PRESIDENT ORIOL FREE THE  
FIRST WEEKEND AFTER THE KIDNAPPING TOOK PLACE. GONZALEZ  
WAS CALLED BY A CONTACT IN ALGERIA IN THE LATE EVENING  
TO SAY THAT THERE HAD BEEN AN APPROACH TO THE ALGERIAN  
EMBASSY IN PARIS BY PEOPLE PURPORTING TO BE FROM THE  
GRAPO AND ASKED THAT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOS BE CONDUCTED  
USING THE ALGERIANS AND SPANISH SOCIALIST PARTY AS INTER-  
MEDIARIES. GONZALEZ IMMEDIATELY CALLED PRIMIN SUAREZ,  
RELAYING THE CONTENTS OF THE CALL FROM ALGERIA TO HIM.  
SUAREZ CALLED GONZALEZ BACK ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES AND TOLD  
HIM TO GO AHEAD AND SEE IF SOMETHING COULD BE DONE  
TO WORK OUT ORIOL'S RELEASE THROUGH THIS CHANNEL.  
GONZALEZ WAS ON THE PHONE WITH THE ALGERIANS AND  
PRIMIN SUAREZ UNTIL THE EARLY MORNING HOURS. NEGOTIA-  
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TIONS HAD PROCEEDED TO THE POINT WHERE THE GOS HAD  
A PLANE STANDING BY TO TAKE THE KIDNAPPERS AND ORIOL  
TO ALGERIA WHERE ORIOL WOULD BE RELEASED AND RETURNED  
TO SPAIN. BUT WITHOUT EXPLANATION THE GRAPO BROKE  
OFF THE CONTACT WITH THE ALGERIAN EMBASSY IN PARIS  
AND IT HAS NEVER BEEN RENEWED.

2. MUGICA SAID THAT THEY THOUGHT THE ALGERIANS WERE ACTING IN GOOD FAITH BUT THERE WAS NO WAY TO BE SURE THAT THE PEOPLE WHO WERE IN CONTACT WITH THE ALGERIAN EMBASSY IN PARIS REPRESENTED ORIOL'S KIDNAPPERS. HE ADDED THAT HE HAD NO IDEA OF WHO THE GRAPO AND ITS PARENT ORGANIZATION, THE PCE/R, MIGHT BE. IN THE PROVINCES, PSOE FIGURES WHO RUN INTO MOST KINDS OF OBSCURE LEFTIST GROUPS ON ONE OCCASION OR ANOTHER HAD NEVER HAD CONTACT WITH THE PCE/R AND THE WHOLE GRAPO BUSINESS REMAINED AMYSTERY TO THE PSOE. ANYTHING WAS POSSIBLE, HE SAID, INCLUDING THE IDEA THAT THEY WERE IN FACT AN EXTREME LEFTIST GROUP, BUT THERE WAS JUST NO WAY OF TELLING. HE CONCLUDED THAT THE ORIOL KIDNAPPING REMAINS A VERY STRANGE BUSINESS STABLE

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